

Please Pray

- ✳ **Fall 2025 Bible Distribution (Aug. 23-28, Sep. 2-4):** (1) Pray for the saints to be released from every preoccupation and be energized to offer the Lord two days during the seven-day Bible distribution period for the labour on the gospel. (2) Pray that the saints would be brought into the one accord through prayer and a vital church life this summer, for the release of God's commanded blessing in the fall. (3) Pray for the sons of peace to be prepared on the campuses of McGill, UdeM, Concordia, and UQAM, to be gained as remaining fruit for the increase of the Church in Montréal and the building of His Body.
- ✳ **Supporting the full-timers and the FTTA trainees:** We praise the Lord for His move in Montréal. The Lord has been faithful to bring us the full-time serving ones for His work in Montréal. For the start of the school year, we will have two new full-time serving ones, which will give us a total of eight full-time serving ones. In addition, the Lord has been faithful to call our young ones to be trained to be useful to the Lord. For the start of the new term at the Full-Time Training in Anaheim in August, we will have a total of five trainees. To support the full-timers and the trainees, there is a total cost of \$240,000 per year, which is \$20,000 per month for the next two years. Pray that we may see the need to support these ones for His interest and His move here in Montréal.
- ✳ **The Direction of the Church in Montréal:** The Lord desires to move forward and increase in Montréal and He desires that we cooperate with Him. The leading brothers feel that the way to take the church forward is through the God-ordained way, which requires the participation of all the saints. As we have announced during the all-church serving ones' meeting, in order to give the saints opportunities to participate and function, we will multiply into two halls by the beginning of the school year. May the Lord bring us into the one accord concerning this matter, so that He could continually bless us for His move in Montréal. May the Lord head up and direct all the responsible ones in each service in their considerations with the two meeting halls. May many saints rise up to serve, function, and take more responsibilities in the church. May all the preparations for this move be an opportunity for us to learn how to depend on the Lord for our services. May the Lord bless us with much increase in life and in number.
- ✳ **Gospel Trips to German-Speaking Countries (Oct. 5-19, 2025):** In October 2022 and 2023, saints from many localities across the globe came to the German-speaking countries in Europe to contact college students on their campuses at the beginning of the school year. These trips have had a lasting impact on the churches in gaining remaining fruit from the campuses. In addition, these trips helped revive the spirit of the gospel among the churches. This year, the churches and the developing localities in Germany, Switzerland, and Austria would like to extend a warm invitation to the saints throughout the recovery to join the campus labour at the beginning of their university year, from October 5 through 19. Please pray that the Lord will gain many young Germans, Swiss, and Austrians as remaining fruit for the spread of His testimony in Europe!
- ✳ **Pray for various local needs in Montréal:** The saints, their contacts, and for the persons in need of care and shepherding.

Weekly Readings

- ✳ Holy Bible Recovery Version with footnotes: 1 Chronicles 6:1 – 14:17.
- ✳ HWMR: Living a Christian Life and Church Life under the Government of God for the Economy of God, Week 2.
- ✳ Life-Study of Ephesians, Messages 33 and 34.

Announcements

- ✳ Please consider your needs carefully before the Lord and email your prayer requests to Allan Yeow, allan.yeow81@gmail.com, by Wednesday evening of every week. Please also note that due to the limited space in the newsletter, we may not be able to publish all prayer burdens sent to us. May the Lord teach us how to pray for the advancement of His Economy.

Upcoming Events

- ✳ August 23-28 and Sep. 2-4: **Fall 2025 Bible Distribution.**
- ✳ September 25-27, Klang, Malaysia: **September International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones.**
- ✳ November 7-9, Vancouver, BC: **Fall 2025 Canada Brothers' Conference.**
- ✳ November 27-30, Indianapolis, Indiana: **International Thanksgiving Blending Conference.**
- ✳ December 22-27, Anaheim, California: **December Semi-Annual Training.**

This Week's Activities

Sun-Aug-17 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.
Mon-Aug-18	✳
Tues-Aug-19	✳ 07:30pm-09:00pm: English, French, and Chinese prayer meetings by conference calls.
Wed-Aug-20	✳
Thur-Aug-21	✳
Fri-Aug-22	✳ 06:30pm-09:00pm: English, French and Chinese Districts home meetings in person and on Zoom.
Sat-Aug-23	✳
Sun-Aug-24 LORD'S DAY	✳ 10:00am-12:00pm: Lord's Table and prophesying meetings.

17. PRAISING

Scripture Reading: *Psa. 22:3; 50:23; 106:12, 47; 146:2; Heb. 13:15*

Praising

II. Praise and victory (cont'd)

Let us look at 2 Chronicles 20:20-22. "And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the Lord, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten." Here was a battle. The nation of Judah was coming to an end at the time of Jehoshaphat's rule. It was very weak; everything was in a state of shambles. The Moabites, Ammonites, and the people of Mount Seir came to invade Judah. Judah was completely in despair; they felt that defeat was certain. Jehoshaphat was a revived king and a God-fearing person. Of course, none of the last kings of Judah was perfect, but nevertheless, Jehoshaphat was a person seeking after God. He told Judah to believe in God. What did he do? He appointed singers to sing praises to Jehovah. He also asked these ones to praise the beauty of holiness and to walk out before the army and to say, "Praise the Lord; for his mercy endureth for ever." Please note the words when they began in the following verse. It is a very precious word. "And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir." When they began means at that very moment. When everyone was singing praises to Jehovah, He rose to smite the Ammonites, Moabites, and the people of Mount Seir. Nothing moves the Lord's hand as quickly as praise. Prayer is not the fastest way to move the Lord's hand; praise is the fastest way. Please do not misunderstand that we do not have to pray. We need to pray, and we need to pray every day. However, we can overcome many things only by praising.

Here we see that spiritual victory does not depend on warfare but on praising. We need to learn to overcome Satan by our praise. We overcome Satan not only by prayer but also by praise. Many people are conscious of Satan's ferocity and their own weaknesses, and they resolve to struggle and pray. However, we find a very unique principle here: Spiritual victory does not depend on warfare but on praise. God's children often are tempted to think that their problems are too big and that they have to find some way to deal with their problems. They pay much attention to finding a way to overcome. But the more they try to come up with a way, the harder it is for them to overcome. In doing so, they put themselves on Satan's level. They are both in the battle; Satan is fighting on one side, and they are fighting on the other side. It is not easy to win from this position. But 2 Chronicles 20 gives a different picture. On one side was the army, and on the other side was the singing of hymns. These ones either had great faith in God, or they were crazy. Thank God, we are not crazy people. We are those who have faith in God.

Many of God's children are under severe trials; they are frequently tested. When the trials become severe and the warfare turns fierce, they are like Jehoshaphat. They are shut in by their trouble. One side is too strong, and the other side too weak; there is no comparison between the two. They are trapped inside the whirling wind. Their problems are too great and beyond their ability to overcome. At such times, it is easy for them to turn their attention to their problems; it is easy for their eyes to be set on their own difficulties. The more a man goes through trials, the easier it is for him to be bound by his problems. This becomes a great time of testing. The greatest test comes when he looks at himself or his environment. The more a man is tested, the more he

tends to look at himself or his environment. But for those who know God, the more they are tested, the more they put their trust in the Lord. The more they are tested, the more they learn to praise. Therefore, we must learn not to set our eyes on ourselves. We must learn to set our eyes on the Lord. We should lift up our heads and tell the Lord, "You are above everything; I praise You!" Loud praises, praises that issue from the heart, and the praises that flow out of wounded feelings are the sacrifices of praise pleasing and acceptable to God. Once the sacrifice of praise ascends to God, the enemy, Satan, is defeated by the praise. The sacrifice of praise is very effective before God. Let your loftiest praises burst forth to God, and you will surely withstand and overcome. When you praise, you will find the way of victory opening wide before your eyes!

New believers should not think that they have to pass through many years before they can learn the lesson of praise. They should realize that they can start praising immediately. Every time you encounter a problem, you should pray for mercy that you would stop manipulating and plotting and that you would learn the lesson of praising instead. Much warfare can be won by praise. Many battles are lost because of the lack of praise. If you believe in God, you can tell the Lord in the midst of your problems, "I praise Your name. You are higher than everything. You are stronger than everything. Your lovingkindness endures forever!" A person who praises God transcends everything. He overcomes continually by his praise. This is a principle, and this is also a fact.

III. Faith-producing praise

Psalm 106:12 is a very precious word. "Then they believed His words; They sang His praise." This was the condition of the children of Israel in the wilderness. They believed, and they sang. They believed, so they praised. Praise has a basic ingredient — faith. You cannot praise vainly with the mouth. You cannot say in a flippant way, "I thank the Lord! I praise the Lord!" You must believe. Only after you have believed can you praise. When you have some problems or when you are sorrowful, you pray, and as you pray, a kind of faith rises up in your heart. At that moment you open your mouth to praise. This is the living way, but do not do this in a light manner. When a man is faced with a problem, he should pray. But as soon as he finds a little faith, as soon as he begins to believe in God and in His greatness, power, compassion, glory, and manifestation of His glory, he should begin to praise. If a man acquires faith but does not follow it up with praise, he will soon find that his faith is gone. We are saying this from our experience. Once you have faith within, you should praise. If you do not praise, you will lose your faith after a while. You may have faith now. But after a while, you will lose that faith. Therefore, we must learn to praise. We must learn to utter words of praise. We have to open our mouths to praise. We should have not only a mind to praise but also actual audible words of praise. You have to praise God in the face of all your problems and in the face of Satan. You should say, "O Lord! I praise You!" Do this until you turn from having no feeling to having feeling, or from having a feeble feeling to a strong feeling. Do this until you turn from little faith to full faith.

Once God's glory fills your eyes, you can believe. Once His glory fills your spirit, you can praise. You have to see that God is above everything and is worthy of your praise. When you praise, Satan flees away. Sometimes we need to pray. But when our prayer reaches the point where we have faith and assurance, we know that the Lord has answered our prayer, and we should praise: "Lord! I thank You! I praise You! This matter is already settled!" Do not wait for the matter to be over before you praise. We have to praise as soon as we believe. Do not wait until the enemy runs away to sing. We have to sing to chase him away. We have to learn to praise by faith. When we praise Him in faith, the enemy will be defeated and driven away. We have to believe before we can praise. First we believe and praise, and then we will experience victory.

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